

## DRINKING WATER WARNING

The City of Pullman Water System, ID# 69880V, located in Whitman County may be contaminated because of a water outage and loss of pressure in the water system.

**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil one minute, and let it cool before using. Boiled or purchased bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until *further notice*. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

*When a loss of pressure occurs, it is possible that contamination from the environment or from human or animal waste may be drawn into the water system. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. These symptoms are not only caused by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.*

This morning at approximately 4:15 a.m. a 12-inch water main located in Grand Avenue near Dissmore's ruptured and several hundred thousand gallons of water escaped. Two reservoirs in the system were drained and parts of the system were completely without water.

City crews isolated the broken pipe and a private contractor is making repairs.

### **What should consumers do?**

- Boil your tap water intended for human consumption (i.e. drinking, cooking, food preparation, ice making, oral hygiene) at a rolling boil for 1 minute

We have consulted with the Washington State Department of Health about this incident. We will notify you when you no longer need to boil the water. We anticipate resolving the problem by the afternoon of Thursday, April 21.

For more information, please contact city of Pullman Maintenance and Operations at (509) 338-3242.

*Please share this notice with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distribution copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is sent to you by M&O Supt. Art Garro, City of Pullman Water System on 4/19/2016